

cultural respect for religious freedom; and requires the Director to assist the Secretary of State in establishing an award program for foreign service officers who provide meritorious service in the promotion of human rights including the right to religious freedom (agreed to by yea and nay vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 154); and **Pages H3290–92**

The Campbell amendment that permits the President to waive sanctions against Sudan if the President determines that national security interests justify a waiver and notifies specified Senate and House of Representatives committees in writing of his intention to waive any sanction. **Pages H3292–93**

H. Res. 430, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3806, modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of H. Rept. 105–534, the report accompanying the rule, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H3263–71**

**Committee Election:** the House agreed to H. Res. 434, electing the Delegate of the Virgin Islands, the Honorable Christian-Green to the Committee on Small Business. **Page H3294**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of May 18. **Pages H3294–95**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, May 18:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, May 18. **Page H3295**

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, May 19:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H3295**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 20. **Page H3295**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, May 18, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H3295**

**Senate Messages:** Message received today from the Senate appears on page H3259.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3312–55.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3259–60, H3261, H3291–92, and H3294. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 171, declaring the memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the “National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service”; H.R. 2202, amended, National Bone Marrow Registry Reauthorization Act of 1998; and H.R. 3849, amended, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

### CHINA TRADE POLICY

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on China Trade Policy. Testimony was heard from Ambassador David Aaron, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2869, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to exempt safety and health assessments, audits, and reviews conducted by or for an employer from enforcement action under such Act; H.R. 2873, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; H.R. 2661, amended, Sound Scientific Practices Act; and H.R. 3725, amended, Postal Service Health and Safety Promotion Act.

### GULF WAR VETERANS’ ILLNESSES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses: Tumor Data. Testimony was heard from Kwai Chan, Director, Special Studies and Evaluation Group, GAO; Susan Mather, M.D., Chief, Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gary Christopherson, Acting Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs), Department of Defense; Richard Miller, M.D., Director, Medical Follow-Up Agency, Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Res. 392, relating to the importance of Japanese-American relations

and the urgent need for Japan to more effectively address its economic and financial problems and open its markets by eliminating informal barriers to trade and investment, thereby making a more effective contribution to leading the Asian region out of its current financial crisis, insuring against a global recession, and reinforcing regional stability and security; and H. Res. 404, commemorating 100 years of relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines.

#### **BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT; RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND CHARITABLE DONATION PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3150, amended, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; and H.R. 2604, Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act of 1997.

#### **OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS VALOR—CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on Congressional Recognition for Acts of Exceptional Valor by Public Safety Officers. Testimony was heard from Peter E. Bergin, Acting, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director, Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State; Donnie R. Marshall, Acting Deputy Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing. Testimony was heard from Senator Boxer; Representatives Jones, Pallone, Cunningham, Capps, Lampson, Regula, Scarborough, Goss and Taylor of Mississippi; and Cynthia Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior.

#### **DISABLED SPORTSMEN'S ACCESS ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2760, Disabled Sportsmen's Access Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham, Peterson of Minnesota, Chambliss and Kelly; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security; and Lt. Col. A. Lewis Deal, USMC, Executive Officer, Weapons Training Battalion, Quantico Marine Corps Base; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST—FOREST HEALTH**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Health in the Rocky Mountain West. Testimony was heard from Lyle Laverty, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. Finally, the rule provides that there shall be no further consideration of the measure except by subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representative Skelton.

#### **SENSE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE; COOPERATION WITH CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by a vote of 7 to 1, a rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 432, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's assertions of executive privilege, in the House with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader or his designee and an opponent. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.

The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 433, calling upon the President of the United States to urge full cooperation by his former political appointees and friends and their associates with congressional investigations, in the House with one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and an opponent. The rule provides that the resolution be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.

#### **COMMUNICATING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

*Committee on Science:* Held an oversight hearing on Communicating Science and Engineering in a Sound-Bite World. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—MILLENNIUM SHORT CIRCUIT**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint oversight hearing on Millennium Short Circuit: The Y2K Effect on Energy Utilities. Testimony was heard from Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Deputy Executive Director, Regulatory Programs, NRC; Kathleen M. Hirning, Chief Information Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

**DRUG-FREE WORK PLACES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on how to best obtain drug-free work places. Testimony was heard from Representative Portman; and public witnesses.

**AVIATION SECURITY EFFORTS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Status of Aviation Security efforts with a focus on the National Safe Skies Alliance and Passenger Profiling Criteria. Testimony was heard from Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Alexis M. Stefani, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Aviation; and Adm. Cathal L. Flynn, Associate Administrator, Civil Aviation Security, FAA; James E. Orlando, Advisor to the Aviation Mail Security Committee, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

**OIL POLLUTION—CRIMINAL LIABILITY**

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing

on Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution. Testimony was heard from Capt. Malcolm Williams, USCG, Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**VA MEDICAL CENTER—ALLEGED DEATH COVERUPS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the GAO report of the Inspector General investigation of an alleged cover-up of deaths at the Columbia, Missouri VA Medical Center in 1992, and an examination of VA's development of a quality assurance/risk management reporting system. Testimony was heard from Representative Hulshof; Eljay B. Bowron, Assistant Comptroller General, Special Investigations, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; and Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Veterans Health Administration.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3828, Veterans Medicare Access Improvement Act of 1998; and H.R. 3809, Drug Free Borders Act of 1998.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MAY 15, 1998****Senate**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

**House**

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